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1. The dredging of the bar at Sulina, the Danube mouth, is no longer carried out, owing to lack of equipment, some of which was handed over to the Soviets as war reparations. Dredgers which were formerly used here, are now employed on the construction of the Danube-Black Sea and Oltenita canals.
2. At present only the Sulina channel is used by large ships. The Chilia and Sfantul Gheorghe channels are silted up and therefore unsuitable. The Chilia channel is only navigable for boats with a maximum draught of 200 cm. It is necessary for such craft to cross the small Oceacov canal, running southwards from the village of Valcov. The Sfantul Gheorghe channel is used by fishing boats only.
3. Previously the Sulina bar was dredged regularly and the channel was over nine meters deep, so that it could receive craft with a draught of 28 feet. At present the Sulina channel is only about six meters deep and the bar five meters: loaded boats can in consequence no longer cross the bar.

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